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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

B1 Please amend the Abstract as follows. A clean copy of the Abstract is provided herewith.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORATING A

NON-WOVEN SHEET

*BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION*

0 To produce at least one perforation in a non-woven sheet (N) of fibers or filaments, ~~said the~~ sheet is brought into contact with a perforated cylinder (2), equipped with at least one insert (8). Each insert includes, at one end, a plane surface (S), and is provided with a recess (8b) which emerges in ~~said the~~ plane surface (S) and which has a sharp edge (8g) formed by the intersection of the inner surface (8f) of ~~said the~~ recess (8b) with ~~said the~~ plane surface (S). A perforation in the non-woven sheet (N) is obtained by cutting out a portion (P) of the non-woven sheet (N) by shearing of the fibers of filaments of the non-woven sheet (N), between the sharp edge (8g) of ~~said the~~ insert (8) and a perforating member (9) driven simultaneously in translation and rotation about its own axis.

— Fig. 2

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